

## HEIRESS OFFERS TO BUY HARDY FOR YEAR FOR \$5,000

Long Island Young Woman  
Asks Him to Be Her Body-  
guard on Trip to Egypt.

A flood of letters, ranging all the way from a challenge to fight to a request to act as a bodyguard for a young heiress on a voyage to Egypt, \$5,000 at the end of the year if his poured in to-day on Jack Hardy, the services have been satisfactory.

young man who offered, through The Evening World, to sell himself for \$5,000.

Hardy is busy sorting out the apparently responsible answers from the deluge of fresh replies such a proposition naturally called forth. The latter are rapidly filling waste baskets. Hardy is writing to his other correspondents arranging appointments and terms. After mature consideration he will accept the offer that appeals most to him.

The most interesting letter received to-day was from a young woman who asked that her name be not published. She wrote from a town on Long Island and said she recently had inherited a fortune. She wants a year out of Hardy's life. For this she is willing to pay \$5,000 when the bargain is made, with a bonus of \$5,000 at the end of the year if his poured in to-day on Jack Hardy, the services have been satisfactory.

His duties will be to travel with her to Egypt, protect her jewels on the voyage and act as her protector. Hardy has written to her saying that her offer is being considered with the others as has received, and arranging for further negotiations.

Hardy is also arranging for an interview with Hugh Stone, the wealthy resident of Scranton, Pa., whose offer was the first genuine one received by "I. \$5,000 man." Stone and his wife want Hardy to search for their missing fifteen-year-old son, and also are willing to adopt him as a member of their family if he makes the right sort of impression. They have no heir, now that they have lost track of their boy.

Inquiry by The Evening World correspondent revealed to-day that the Stones are wealthy, Stone having recently sold out his interests in a large paper box plant in Scranton. Hardy said he was confident he

could find the missing boy. He plans to have a personal talk with Mr. Stone this week.

Hardy also received a letter with an illegible signature, written apparently by a man in the army or navy service. He accused Hardy of "looking for something soft" and of being afraid to work. The letter wound up with a challenge to Hardy to be at a certain Fifth Avenue corner at 11 o'clock Saturday night, when "something would be handed to him."

"I want this bird to know I will be right there at the time mentioned," Hardy said to-day. "I don't know what it's going to let me in for, but if it is a battle I am ready for it."

One letter Hardy received to-day was from another man who is willing to sell himself.

ward to me any of the offers you do not find satisfactory."

Any number of letters have come from girls who inform Hardy he "is just the type of man I admire" and seeking to make appointments. These are being thrown away as fast as they arrive.

"I want to repeat my offer is genuine," Hardy said. "Any bona fide reply will be considered. The terms are \$500 cash, \$2,500 within six months and the remainder at any later time. I am willing to go anywhere or do anything for the one who buys me."

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